

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LADUE
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
MONDAY DECEMBER 16TH, 2024**

The meeting of the City Council of the City of Ladue, St. Louis County, Missouri, was held on Monday December 16th, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. at 9345 Clayton Road, Ladue, Missouri 63124 and via ZOOM. The following members were present:

The Hon. Nancy Spewak, Mayor, presiding.

Members of the Council present:

William Brennan
Harold Burroughs
Patrick Hensley
John Howell
Stacey Kamps

Five Council Members present.

Also, present Police Chief Ken Andreski, Fire Chief Steve Lynn Ms. Lamitola, Director of Public Works; Mr. Nicholas Wigglesworth, Director of Finance; Ms. Andrea Sukanek, City Planner; Mr. Paul Garlock, Building Official; Ms. Erin Seele, City Attorney; and Ms. Stacey Mann, City Clerk.

Approval of the Agenda: Council Member Brennan moved to approve the agenda as presented upon second by Council Member Burroughs, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes: Mayor Spewak asked if there were any amendments, corrections, or clarifications to the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 18th, 2024.

Council Member Brennan moved approval of the minutes as presented; upon second by Council Member Burroughs, the motion passed unanimously.

Presentation: *None.*

Public Forum:

Erin Budke, 32 Daniel Road, expressed concerns about flooding on her property, and the worsening issues caused by new construction at 25 Deerfield. She urged the City to reconsider its approach to acquiring easements or land, as the inactive status of the Deerfield-Wakefield project stems from unresolved challenges with two property owners.

Dr. Merbaum, of 18 Ellsworth, requested that the council consider exploring potential interventions to mitigate the impact of continuous flooding on affected residents situated near the Deerfield-Wakefield project location.

Public Hearings:

PH1: The City Council of the City of Ladue will hold a Public Hearing regarding a proposed amendment to Sections III, VII, and XVI of the Ladue Zoning Ordinance 1175 regarding recreational marijuana facilities.

This public hearing was declared continued until February 2025.

PH2: The City Council will hold a public hearing on the report of the Finance, Revenue, and Taxation Committee recommending the City's proposed budget for the year January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025.

Council Member Brennan moved to open the public hearing, with a second by Council Member Hensley the motion passed unanimously.

Director of Finance, Nic Wigglesworth, shared that the City of Ladue's proposed budget for fiscal year 2025 includes a projected year-end fund balance of \$27,991,706 across all funds, reflecting a 1.2% increase from the previous year. Revenues totaling \$24,261,495 are driven by taxes, licenses, and grants, while interfund transfers contribute \$1,335,596 to address expenditures, which are projected at \$23,929,850.

Ms. Seele announced that the notice for the hearing, the entire Code of Ordinances including Ordinance 1175, the entire file including the application, Zoning & Planning Commission recommendation and staff report was available and made part of the official record.

Council Member Brennan moved to close the public hearing, with a second by Council Member Howell the motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Hensley moved to approve the 2025 annual budget, with second by Council Member Burroughs the motion passed unanimously.

PH3: The City Council will hold a public hearing on a recommendation submitted by the Zoning and Planning Commission that the City Council issue a Special Use Permit to the Ladue School District for improvements to an educational facility campus in the C and D Zoning Districts. Improvements consist of adding 74 parking spaces to the property at 1039 S. Warson (C-Zoning District) and modifying parking on the existing high school campus at 1201 S. Warson Road (D-Zoning District).

Council Member Brennan moved to open the public hearing, with a second by Council Member Hensley, the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Seele announced that the notice for the hearing, the entire Code of Ordinances including Ordinance 1175, the entire file including the application, Zoning & Planning Commission recommendation and staff report was available and made part of the official record.

Council Member Brennan moved to close the public hearing, with a second by Council Member Howell the motion passed unanimously

Council Member Hensley moved to approve the Special Use Permit as amended to include language requiring landscaping maintenance or replacement in perpetuity, with a second by Council Member Burroughs the motion passed unanimously.

PH4: The City Council will hold a public hearing on a recommendation submitted by Zoning and Planning Commission that the City Council issue a Special Use Permit to MICDS for

construction of an addition onto the lower school and improvements to the baseball and field hockey fields. The property is located at 101 N. Warson Road in the C-Residential Zoning District.

Council Member Brennan moved to open the public hearing, with a second by Council Member Hensley, the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Seele announced that the notice for the hearing, the entire Code of Ordinances including Ordinance 1175, the entire file including the application, Zoning & Planning Commission recommendation and staff report was available and made part of the official record.

Council confirmed with the applicant that construction vehicles would exit the property going left onto Warson Road.

Council Member Brennan moved to close the public hearing, with a second by Council Member Howell the motion passed unanimously

Council Member Hensley moved to approve the Special Use Permit, with a second by Council Member Burroughs the motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Proposed Legislation:

Bill 2335-A: An ordinance to amend Section III, VII, and XVI of Ordinance 1175 the Zoning Ordinances of the City of Ladue, St. Louis County, Missouri, regarding recreational marijuana facilities.

Mayor Spewak declared Bill 2335 as continued until the February 2025 City Council Meeting.

Bill 2374: An ordinance approving a contract with St. Louis County on behalf of the Emergency Communications Commission (ECC) for continued use of the St. Louis County owned "SLATER" Radio System, and matters related thereto

Mayor Spewak read Bill No. 2374 followed by a second reading by Council Member Howell.

Council Member Burroughs moved approval of Bill No. 2374. Upon second by Council Member Howell the roll call vote thereupon was as follows:

Council Member Brennan	"Aye"
Council Member Burroughs	"Aye"
Council Member Hensley	"Aye"
Council Member Howell	"Aye"
Council Member Kamps	"Aye"

There being five aye votes and zero nay votes the motion passed unanimously.

Bill 2375: An ordinance approving the subdivision plat for "Trinity Farm Subdivision Amended Plat of Lot C2"

Mayor Spewak read Bill No. 2375 followed by a second reading by Council Member Brennan.

Council Member Hensley moved approval of Bill No. 2375. Upon second by Council Member Howell the roll call vote thereupon was as follows:

Council Member Burroughs	"Aye"
Council Member Hensley	"Aye"
Council Member Howell	"Aye"
Council Member Kamps	"Aye"
Council Member Brennan	"Aye"

There being five aye votes and zero nay votes, the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2024-61: A resolution authorizing the Director of Public Works to sign on behalf of the City of Ladue, Missouri the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Financial Assistance Agreement Form and the terms and conditions for grantee receipt of federal ARPA SFRF Funds for the purpose of funding various stormwater projects and granting further authority.

Council Member Howell moved to adopt Resolution No. 2024-61, with second by Council Member Hensley the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2024-62: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City of Ladue, Missouri, a voluntary acquisition program for flood damaged residences offer to buy real estate and acceptance for 12 Foxboro Road for the Flood Mitigation Program Flood Buyout Project for fiscal year 2022 (FMA FY22) and granting further authority

Council Member Howell moved to adopt Resolution No. 2024-62, with second by Council Member Brennan the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2024-63: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City of Ladue, Missouri a professional services contract with H3 Studio for the Zoning and Subdivision Code Update Project

Council Member Burroughs moved to adopt Resolution No. 2024-63, with second by Council Member Hensley the motion passed unanimously.

Financial Matters:

The Mayor and Council reviewed the significant items in the financial report. The mayor ordered the report filed for information.

The Mayor and Council reviewed Vouchers for Payment for the month of November 2024. Council Member Brennan moved their approval, upon second by Council Member Hensley the motion passed unanimously.

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Collector's Report for November 2024. The mayor ordered the report filed for information.

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Treasurer's Report for November 2024. The mayor ordered the report filed for information.

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Cash Flow Summary for November 2024. The mayor ordered the report filed for information.

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Delinquent Real Estate Tax Report for November 2024. The mayor ordered the report filed for information.

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Investments Report for November 2024. The mayor ordered the report filed for information.

Department Reports:

Fire Department: The Mayor and Council reviewed the Fire Department Activity Report for November 2024. The mayor ordered the report filed.

Chief Lynn announced that the department has received a generous \$20,000 donation from the Riney Family. The funds will be used to outfit the bunkrooms.

Capital Purchase of Duty Vehicle

Council Member Hensley moved to approve the capital purchase of a duty vehicle with second by Council Member Burroughs the motion passed unanimously.

Capital Purchase of Motorola Radio System

Chief Lynn reported that the Motorola radios provided to all St. Louis County fire departments in 2014 by the St. Louis County ECC have reached the end of their service life and are no longer supported by Motorola. Each department is now responsible for replacing the radios as a Capital Improvement project. The replacement of handheld and mobile radios, along with programming and accessories, is estimated to cost \$258,129.10. This replacement is planned, with \$279,000 earmarked in the 2025 Capital Improvement budget.

Following discussion, the Council expressed concerns about the cost and inquired if other departments are also transitioning to new radios. They also questioned whether the old radios could still be used or if a smaller order could be placed, combining old and new radios. The Council tabled the matter until the next meeting to allow staff time to address these questions.

Police Department: Mayor and Council reviewed the Police Activity Report for November 2024. The mayor ordered the report filed.

Capital Purchase of a Police Vehicle Replacement

Council Member Hensley moved to approve the capital purchase of a police vehicle replacement (2024 Ford F-150 Police Response) with second by Council Member Burroughs the motion passed unanimously.

Public Works & Building: Mayor and Council reviewed the report of the Director of the Public Works Department for November 2024. The mayor ordered the report filed.

Municipal Courts: Mayor and Council reviewed the Municipal Court report for November 2024. The mayor ordered the report filed.

Closed Session: Mayor Spewak advised there were items for discussion in executive session to discuss matters relating to litigation, legal actions and/or communications from the City Attorney as provided under section 610.021 (1) RSMO, and employee matters pursuant to Section 610.021 (3) RSMO.

Council Member Hensley moved to enter into closed session to discuss matters relating to litigation, legal actions and/or communications from the City Attorney as provided under section 610.021 (1) RSMO, and employee matters pursuant to Section 610.021 (3) RSMO. upon second by Council Member Kamps the roll call vote there upon was as follows:

Council Member Hensley	"Aye"
Council Member Howell	"Aye"
Council Member Kamps	"Aye"
Council Member Brennan	"Aye"
Council Member Burroughs	"Aye"

There being five aye votes, and zero nay votes the motion passed unanimously.

The council went into closed session at 6:04 p.m. with Stacey Mann, and Erin Seele.

The council returned to open session at 6:23 p.m. with Stacey Mann, and Erin Seele.

Returning from closed session, Mayor Spewak announced the promotion of Anne Lamitola to Senior Director of Public Services.

Administration: Mayor and Council reviewed the Administration report for November 2024. The mayor ordered the report filed.

Update to Organizational Chart

Ms. Mann stated that the organizational chart has been updated to reflect the creation of the position of Senior Director of Public Services, and the reorganization of non-uniform positions.

Council Member Howell moved to approve the updated organizational chart, with second by Council Member Brennan the motion passed unanimously.

City Attorney:

None.

Reports of Various Board & Commission Meetings: The Mayor and Council reviewed the reports of various Board & Commission Meetings held during October 2024. The mayor ordered the reports filed for information.

Committee Appointments & Reappointments: Mayor Spewak recommended the appointment of Crystal Knapik to the Architectural Review Board as an alternate, for a one-year term.


Council Member Brennan moved to approve the appointment of Crystal Knapik to the Architectural Review Board for a one-year term, with second by Council Member Burroughs the motion passed.

Adjournment: Council Member Kamps moved adjournment, with second by Council Member Hensley the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 21st DAY OF JANUARY 2025.



Nancy Spewak, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Stacey Mann, City Clerk